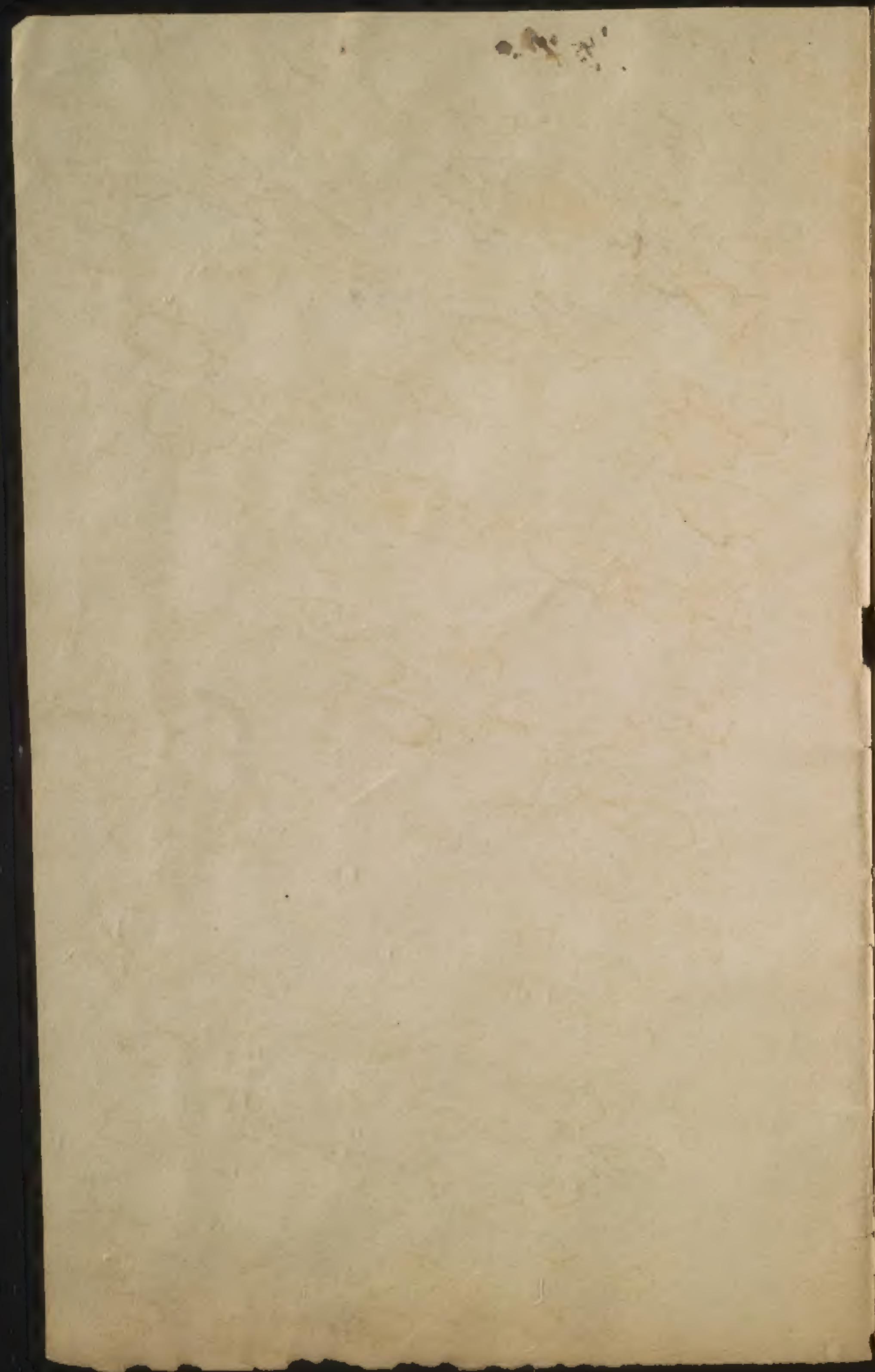


Examinations of Theses
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Mr Samuel Johnson -
on Chlorosis.

~~a short account little~~ open upon
To this Dissertation I have no
objections. The author has described
it accurately, suggested all the
usual medicines advised for its
cure, except exercise which it
certainly ~~is~~ perhaps hinted
at only in his ~~dictio-~~ recommenda-
tion of fresh Air, & a change of
Scenes. —

on Dysentery - by
Mr Burton.

you have said p: i. - To this
I object that there few antidis-
-eases in which medicine affords
more certain relief, where a

physician is called in the ^{early} first stage of the disease. As this is generally the case in cities, the disease is seldom fatal in their practice.

It is fatal in the country from its being neglected in its first stage, ~~and~~ ^{has} from the early use of astringents and stimulating medicines. The author in the beginning part of his thesis, ~~shows that he~~ ^{has} adopted Dr. Denham's opinion of the dysentery or excreting fever depending on the cause, viz: ~~wormy~~ ^{putrid} exhalations.

1 - Why does the former appear more frequently in cities than in country places? & why upon

the heights of a hilly than upon its
& more frequently than upon its
Debility - or in Vallis?

3 Any other cause than marsh
or swamp? - yes human
or animal or various water.

On Ascites by Mr Dods

This thesis ~~on~~ contains all
that is known upon ~~this~~ this
form of Disease, and is entitled to
great credit for ~~the~~ ^{the} connected &
lucid order in which he has ar-
ranged his facts & reasoning. I
have no objection to make to it.

On general Disease by
Mr Thompson.

In this thesis ^{the author} has great merit & to
discover both industry & ingenuity.
He has very justly divided Diseases

into tonic and atonic, or in other
words into Diseases of strong, and
weak morbid Action in the blood
vessels, and has advised different
and opposite remedies for each of
them - for the former he had
advised U. ~~as a~~ ~~as a~~ a remedy which tho' once
~~it~~ a remedy which tho' once
unpopular has lately been sold
with great success, ~~and~~ particularly
in the Southern States & have no
objection to your Thesis. —

on the different states of

Pneumony by Mr Perry.

In one place you have mentioned
anti-pills. — do you mean them?

You have enumerated most of
the causes of Pneumony - Does
not Gout produce it? —

~~Working on the lights of hill,~~
The author has given some cases
to prove the efficacy of the snake
root in Pneumonitis - but
from which it appears that medicine
still retains ~~the~~ its character ~~of~~
being a useful addition to W&D
in the cure of violent diseases.

Mr Gibbons - on Apoplexy

He has very correctly enumerated
its remote and exciting causes.
But you have made a distinction
between Drowsiness & Apoplexy
which does not appear to be well
founded. Drowsiness is certainly
a grade of apoplexy - and is ~~sometimes~~
^{necessarily} attended with many of its symptoms,

but now & then with its fatal
termination. Again - you have
said. Drunkenness is attended with
a pallid face - Is this always
the case? and the reverse
of it - viz: a ~~swell~~^{red} face
suffused wth blood more common-
-ly characterises it.

Mr Hamilton on the
Cynanche parotidea, or Mumps.
The author has stated all the
facts generally known upon
the subject of this disease. He
mentions its prevailing now
& then as an Epidemic, but
does not subscribe to Dr.

Opinion

Hamiltons that it is ~~communicated~~
Spreads ~~communicated~~ by Contagion. It
is probably ~~like~~ I have
no objections to make to the
authors principles or practice.
on Tetanus by
M'Attell.

I have read this Disputation with
pleasure and instruction. It
contains an Epitome of all
that is known upon the
subject of this Disease. The Au-
thor has mentioned from Dr
Hamilton of Edinburgh a new
opinion & that is that a
peculiar state of the alimentary
canal is connected with this

This disease. This is inferred
from the Costiveness which attends
it, and from a Discourse of
the Bowels attending Other Enteric
Mysteries,
Illiaria Sancti Viti. But I
cannot assent to this opinion.

- The word Costiveness is the
effect of the abstraction of the
exterior living translated to
the muscles. The ~~weakness~~ ^{feeble action} of
the arteries arises from the
same cause. Costiveness attends
mania, and ~~yet we do not~~ ^{yet we do not} find its seat in the bowels.
The same thing may be said
of ~~from~~ several of the plagues
of fever which tho' attended

with ~~others~~^{himself} have this pri-
-mary heat in the blood reflects. I
have only too add to these remarks
that I subscribe to ~~the~~^{every}
other opinion & fact contained
in this this thesis, and that I
as the Author deserves credit not
only for his knowledge & ingenuity
in his profession, but for the
taste, order, and perspicuity,
~~and~~ which he has discovered
in its composition.

On Dysentery by
Mr Henderson

Mr H has done great justice
to his subject. His facts are numerous,
his reasoning correct as far
they relate to the theory of the

Disease. Perhaps he has ascribed
more to the influence of cold as
its ~~a~~ remote cause of the than is
just. It is certainly one of its
most frequent existing causes,
when the system is impreg-
nated with Marsh, or
humid miasma. Upon the
I am bound to say
whole & Mr. Henderson has
done honor by his ^{desire} both
to himself & to our University.

See ~~Extracts~~ by M^r Irwin.

This Thesis has real merit, &
the Author has discovered that
~~he has not been able in pro-
fessing to have made any acquaintance~~
with the Disease of which he

treats. He has said very
properly that it affects horses
as well as the human an-
imals. Does it affect no
other species of animals than
Gradnypids? - yes previous
some had wings Opisthotrichos
caused by Opium.

on public Convulsions from
by Mr Hawkins

In this Report the author
has faithfully & numerically
all the causes & remedies
of this deplorable disease.
Having only to do the
rest I have only to add

to my approbation of your
thesis, my advice to you to
pursue this interesting
subject in the course of your
future studies & practice. The
Disease is not - it cannot
^{certainly} be cured. A remedy would
for it ~~be~~ in some of the great
resources of nature & art. Who
knows but a discovery of it may
be reserved for one of the ~~few~~
~~graduates~~ graduates of
1809. - may you be
that highly favoured Child of
Science and Providence by whom
that blessing shall be conveyed
to the world! —

on animal life - by
Mr Channing. Good It
has been the practice of the
medical Professors ~~in the universities~~^{to} to
allow Candidates for degrees to
dissent from the opinions ^{of} ~~of~~
are taught ~~by~~ in this
in their inaugural Disputations.
University, Mr Channing has
availed himself of this liberty,
and has with great energy,
and with the liberality often
opposed the Doctrine of animal
life taught suggested by Dr
Brown of Edinburgh and adopted &
taught in its fullest extent by
the Professor of the Institutes

of medicine in this University.

The arguments against this doctrine urged by Maffanini,
discover ~~to~~ considerable ingenuity, but they are by no means conclusive; ~~the~~ ^{add to its} on the contrary, they prove that probably. ~~that~~ ^{our} ~~whole~~ ^{the} globe was supposed to be animated by a Being, or spirit called anima mundi. ~~that~~ Revelation chased this error from the world, as far as it relates to ^{our} ~~the~~ globe, but it unfortunately left a portion of it in the human body, under the name

of animal ~~and~~ ^{a belief in} man; or a self moving principle. ~~This opinion~~
This principle has lately yielded
to a belief in life being an
~~effect only of impression made~~
~~upon animal matter,~~ the
doctrine is that the Creator
of the Universe
has not delegated any portion of
his ~~self~~ existence to matter of
any kind, whether organic or
~~inorganic~~ and of course that
life is the effect of impression
only, made upon animalized
bodies. This opinion accords
perfectly with morals &
theological truth. ~~It~~

is moreover the foundation
(whether admitted or not)
of all the improvements
that have been made in
medicine within the last
thirty years; and however
justly ~~we may object to~~
~~many of~~ the errors of Dr Brown's System,
of medicine, or however
would be ~~one~~ ~~any~~ pity the
folly of his life, his
Doctrine of animal life, will
I have no Doubt
rank hereafter amongst the
greatest discoveries of the
18th Century. —

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